Germ Injection Used to Murder

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Gruesome Crime Uncovered

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GOETTINGEN, Germany (UPI)—Police were busy yesterday unravelling one of the strangest and most gruesome criminal cases in the history of Germany, an apparent murder with germs.

When Mrs. Gisela Woritz died on July 20, 1957, the coroner wrote on his report that the cause of death was tetanus.

He was right, police said yesterday, but it was not a simple case of the woman contracting a disease and dying of it.

They said Mrs. Woritz was murdered by her husband and his weapon was the deadly tetanus bacillus. Dr. Hermann Woritz, an eminent bacteriologist, was arrested three days ago.

There was something suspicious about Mrs. Woritz' death from the start, police said. In the first place, there were no cuts or sores on her body through which tetanus normally might have entered.

And secondly, only a month before she died, Mrs. Woritz, 36, mysteriously contracted anthrax, a disease common in cattle and horses but rare in human beings. Woritz was unsuccessful in that murder attempt, police said, so he later injected his wife with the tetanus bacilli.

Woritz did not place a death notice in local newspapers, police said, and this was considered odd, as such notices usually were published in the death of well-known persons.

Mrs. Woritz' parents showed police letters written shortly before her death, in which she complained about her unhappy marriage. The case was reopened recently at the request of the dead woman's relatives.

A Goettingen lawyer disclosed he had been approached by Mrs. Woritz only a few days before she died, and she asked him to prepare divorce papers against her husband on grounds of infidelity.

Police sent an investigator to laboratories in Muenster, where he confirmed the theory that germs could have been used as a murder weapon.

To Visit Nigeria

Princess Margaret is to visit Nigeria in October next year, it was announced yesterday. She will represent the Queen at ceremonies marking Nigeria's new status as an independent Commonwealth nation.

U.S. Information 'Misleading'

Navigation Row Bitter

MONTREAL (CP)—Britain accused the United States Thursday of submitting inaccurate and misleading information at a special meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization to consider competing systems for navigational aids.

The information was turned in by the U.S. to bolster its case in favor of continued use of a U.S.-designed system, VOR, a high-frequency line in general use now. It was adopted by ICAO 10 years ago as a general standard until 1966.

Britain has asked the organization to accept a new system called Decca navigation, claiming it is more efficient in areas where air traffic is heavy. The system was British-developed.

Export orders for electronics equipment worth millions of dollars hinge on ICAO's decision on the matter. Delegates from 32 countries are attending the sessions.

The British charges were contained in a working paper distributed to delegates Thursday. They referred to a document drafted by the Air Transport Association of America and adopted by the U.S. as part of its case.

Britain dismissed some U.S. statements as "completely incorrect," "peculiar," "difficult to follow" and "completely incomprehensible."

Springhill Family Homeless

SPRINGHILL, N.S., (CP)—The widow and seven children of a Springhill disaster victim were left homeless yesterday when fire destroyed their two-storey frame home at nearby Springhill Junction.

Mrs. Leonard McCormack's husband was among the 39 men who died in an explosion at No. 4 colliery here in November, 1956.

Man Plunges From Liner

VANCOUVER (CP)—Twenty-four hours after proposing to a Vancouver woman, a 68-year-old California man plunged from the liner Orsova into the Pacific. The body of Simon M. Radbil of Oakland, Calif., was found Wednesday in the ocean.

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Juke 'Coup' in Teamster Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate rackets committee got inside information yesterday that juke box racketeers and a Teamster union local are out to seize control of every coin machine in the New York area.

The committee also heard a hitherto secret police report on a "kangaroo court" trial at the 1957 Apalachin, N.Y. underworld convention. A police lieutenant said the racketeer "judges" pardoned a New York waterfront hoodlum from death but fined him $10,000 for stepping off limits in the juke box rackets.

The sworn testimony claiming that the underworld is trying to create a coin machine monopoly in New York came from Eli Kasper, who said he was a part of the effort until last spring, when he left because he couldn't take what was going on.

He charged that New York Teamster Local 266 was set up by "dishonest" elements in the union with the express purpose of helping the machine operators association squeeze out small operators in the area.

He testified the association and the union were dominated by two brothers, Eugene and Herbert Jacobs.

"Gene Jacobs controlled the union and Bert Jacobs controlled the association and between them they could control the industry," Kasper said.

Baby Dies in Fire As 11 Flee House

VANCOUVER (CP) — An 18-months-old girl was burned to death yesterday while her parents were helping nine other children from their burning home.

Gail Lang, second youngest of the 10 children of Mr. and Mrs. James Lang, was burned while sleeping alone in a back room.

"I tried to get to her but could not because of the heat," said Mr. Lang. "She didn't have a chance."

Steel Beam Derails Train; 32 Hurt

MIDDLE RIVER, Md. (UPI)—A steel beam fell from a passing freight, buckled a track and derailed an 80-mile-an-hour Washington to New York express train yesterday, injuring 32 persons.

Engineer T. L. Winsey of the Pennsylvania Railroad's derailed "Potomac" said he saw the buckled track as he rounded a bend into the straight stretch where the wreck occurred. Winsey said he applied the brakes but the train immediately began to wobble out of control on the bent track.

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